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### GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY ACROSS NIAGARA'S GORGE

The countless thousands who annually visit the Cataract of Niagara pronounce it the greatest natural wonder on the American continent. Little less in sublimity and grandeur to the waterfall itself, is the gorge through which the waters, after their awful plunge over the cliff, rush onward to Lake Ontario. For a little distance from the foot of the falls the stream is comparatively placid, but gathering momentum as its channel narrows, it fills the Gorge and rushes over the rocks in foamy rapids; here breaking into spray, and there springing high in the air, as it dashes against some rocky obstruction in its mad race for the calmer reaches of the bed below. Over this tumultuous stream, reaching from bank to bank in a single graceful span, is the Grand Trunk Steel Arch Bridge. Second in wonder and sublimity only to the great cataract itself, it lends an added interest to a visit to Niagara by its beauty and grace as a feature of the landscape, and as a triumph of engineering skill—a worthy companion piece of

man's handiwork to be associated with the great works of nature among which it is placed. It stands exactly where for more than forty years the world-renowned Suspension Bridge has spanned this gorge, and was so long regarded as the crowning triumph of engineering skill.

The visitors arriving by the trains of the Grand Trunk Railway System may take a carriage at the Niagara Falls station in Canada, or may cross the river by the Steel Arch Bridge to Suspension Bridge station, and proceed by carriage or electric street car line to Niagara Falls, N. Y., alighting from the car at the entrance to Prospect Park, or continuing the trip, if by carriage, to the various points of interest; or if preferred the visitor may proceed by train to Niagara Falls, N. Y., and start a sight-seeing trip from that point. While formerly the various interesting points about the falls were under private control, they are now included in a fine free park system, under the ownership and control of the State of New York on the American side and the Dominion government on the Canadian side.

From Prospect Park a comprehensive view of the entire falls may be

had, with the American Fall in the foreground; the Horseshoe in the distance, and the Canadian Fall and Table Rock diagonally across the Gorge. The upper station of the Inclined Railway is in Prospect Park, and the car takes you to the dock of the steamer Maid of the Mist, which makes frequent trips up the stream to a point exactly near the foot of the falls.

From Prospect Park the visitor may cross to Great Island, Luna Island and the "Three Sisters," all connected by a chain of fine modern bridges. Luna Island is reached by a stairway, down the bank and a handsome bridge, and here one may stand at the very brink of the Central and American Falls and gaze, fascinated, at the water as it plunges over the cliffs. From Goat Island a visit may be made, in suitable waterproof garments, to the Cave of the Woods, a recess under the Central Fall, about 100 feet long and 100 feet high, where the strong air currents, dashing the mist and spray, remind one of a blizzard.

The view from Terrapin Point, also reached from Goat Island, is very comprehensive, as being the nearest

point of approach to the Horseshoe, with all the cataracts visible from one point of observation.

From the Sister Islands fine views of the rapids are to be had, and the outermost islet presents to the observer the full, wide sweep of the river and gives a good idea of the immense volume of water which goes to make up the grand cataracts.

The Canadian side of the river may be reached by the steamer Maid of the Mist or by the new bridge, which crosses the river at the place formerly spanned by the structure so long known as the "New Suspension Bridge." This bridge, like its elder prototype, has now given place to a new one in a similar style of construction, a steel arch, and the views of the falls afforded in crossing it are among the best.

From the Canadian shore the views of the falls are superb, that from "Inspiration Point," in Queen Victoria Park, being regarded as the finest, comprising, as it does, the American, Bridal Veil, Central and Horseshoe Falls in one glance, together with the island views opposite, and the grand sweep of the rapids as far as the eye can reach.

From here the visitor may descend the bank and go under the Horseshoe Falls, attired in waterproof garments and accompanied by a trusty guide, the experience being one never to be forgotten.

Dufferin Islands, with shady walks and drives with the Burning Spring a little distance beyond, are attractive to the pedestrian, and equally accessible by carriage. From the islands fine views of the Canadian rapids are to be had, and the beautiful and substantial buildings of the power companies, who are now turning Niagara's energy into electric current, are of themselves well worth inspection. Indeed, on both the American and Canadian sides the development of the power of the falls is second only in interest to the great cataract itself.

In taking leave of Niagara's Gorge, and the grand structure by which it is crossed, it may not be amiss to remark that the latter is but one of a series of engineering achievements which have marked the history of the Grand Trunk Railway System. The famous Victoria Jubilee Bridge across the St. Lawrence at Montreal, the great International Bridge at Buffalo, and the justly famous St. Clair Tunnel, connecting Sarnia and Port Huron, are examples of the enterprising spirit that has characterized its management. Connecting, as it does, the Atlantic seaboard with the Great Lakes, and passing through some of the finest scenery on the American continent, it is readily acquired the distinctive title of the Great International Tourist Route.

### CALIFORNIA

"The Golden State," a Commonwealth of World Wonders, Healthful Climate and Pleasure-Seeking.

The first recorded mention of California appeared in "Deeds of Esplandian" early in the sixteenth century. Whether or not this is really a fanciful romance, is not of our concern; but the reference was at least prophetic must be admitted in the light of the Golden State of today: ".... know then that on the right hand of the Indies there is an island called California, very close to the side of the Terrestrial Paradise...."

The tens of thousands who have basked in California's sunshine and revelled in her myriad beauties, affirm the judgment of the ancient chronicler and its sublime fulfillment in these latter days. Few sections afford such great diversity of scenery, and nowhere in all the world may be found such a delightful combination of outing opportunities, all so easy of access.

Contrary to the popularly accepted belief, climatic conditions are ideal, both summer and winter, with but slight variations of temperature from season to season.

Snow-capped peaks, luxuriant orange groves, fields of golden poppies, and shining beaches upon which the warm surf beats restlessly, offer their allurements and vie with each other for one's favor. Giant redwoods, which were centuries old when the earliest of the Pyramids of Egypt were constructed, raise their majestic heads more than 200 feet, as if proud of their antiquity.

The old missions, quaint and picturesque, reflecting the zeal and courage of the early Franciscan Padres, lend an atmosphere of romantic interest.

A visit to California is a liberal education in itself. No other section of the country bears so important a relation to the marvelous changes which have within the last few years occurred in the Orient. Asia has awakened from her sleep of centuries and has become a factor in the world's affairs. San Francisco is the gateway for the commerce of the Pacific, and is justly entitled to a conspicuous place among the great cities of the world. The passage to the Indies for which Columbus sought lies through the Golden Gate.

To the lover of the long, untroubled, sunlit swell of the Pacific, its white beaches, its shores of keels and varied delight, the cool, rich thrill of the surf, the tug and struggle of fish worth fighting for, a riotous array of fragrant blossoms, air with a tang, and life—life which glows: California! A suggestion of melodious days passed in a garden rolling out across the valleys and touching the mountain wall with fragrant finger tips—golden hills against the dim blue peaks.

Many people have been deterred from visiting the Pacific coast through dread of the journey. There are those who think of California as at a great distance, entailing many days of greater or less discomfort.

The old days are gone and new methods prevail. Time in railway travel has been annihilated and improvements made, until now "The Golden State Limited" makes the journey from Chicago or St. Louis in three days.

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There are two daily Rock Island trains providing continuous service between Chicago, St. Louis and Kansas City and California over the Southern route.

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The Thousand Islands. The River St. Lawrence, together with the Great Lakes, form the grandest system of inland navigation in the world. It extends from the headwaters of Lake Superior to Cape Gaspe, on the Atlantic Ocean, a distance of 2,100 miles.

The total area of the St. Lawrence Basin is about 510,000 square miles, of which the United States owns 187,440 and Canada 322,560 square miles. The total length of the river from Kingston to Pointe des Monts is 688 miles. Throughout its entire length the St. Lawrence has the clearness and purity of a mountain spring. Thousand Islands are 1,692 in number, and extend from Lake Ontario to Prescott, fifty miles. From the deck of the Richelieu Company's steamers the traveler has a glorious opportunity of viewing the ever-changing attractions of this wonderful natural panorama. Every turn of the boat brings new views, new scenes and new life. Many of the islands are owned by wealthy people, who have built residences and laid out tasteful grounds. The scenery by day is grand and inspiring, while the illumination, the music, the flashing boats, and the festivities by night make the evenings enchanting.

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